

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required restriction between groups I – II as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action.

Applicant elects with traverse, Group I, claims 1-10. The requirement is traversed for the following reasons: The restriction is made under PCT Rule 13. The Examiner identifies the special technical feature as a holding member for a power cord having a circumferential groove. Applicant respectfully submits that the groove is not the special technical feature, but instead that the structure at the edge of the hole 82 to tightly engage the groove is the special technical feature.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the requirement for restriction is improper, and respectfully request that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks, reconsideration of the requirement for restriction, and an action on all of the claims in the application, are respectfully requested.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Christopher J. McDonald, Registration No. 41,533, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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